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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT TO US OF GDR DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER

REF: BERLIN 6068

1. DOELLING OF THE GDR CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER ON DECEMBER 2 THAT HE HAD TO KNOW BY COB, DECEMBER 5 WHETHER GDR DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BEIL WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN JANUARY. DOELLING EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS COMMITTED TO INFORM BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL (BI) IN GENEVA BY DECEMBER 6 REGARDING EAST GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN BI-SPONSORED SEMINARS IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO. BEIL HAD SAID HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN BOTH EVENTS. HOWEVER, IF HIS PLANNED VISIT TO WASHINGTON DOES NOT MATERIALIZE--AND THE GDR NOW HAS DOUBTS IN THIS CONNECTION--THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED. COMMENT. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS THAT BEIL WOULD NOT VISIT THE UNITED STATES IF THE ENVISAGED WASHINGTON SEGMENT OF HIS TRIP IS NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME. END COMMENT.

2. DOELLING ALSO WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER THE DIFFICULTIES
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THAT APPARENTLY AFFLICT DR. BEIL'S WASHINGTON PLANS MIGHT NOT ALSO

ABORT THE LONG-STANDING AND WELL-ADVANCED EAST GERMAN PLANS
TO MOUNT "TECHNICAL WEEKS" IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND LOS
ANGELES IN THE SPRING.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE REPLY WE SHOULD MAKE TO
DOELLING.GROVE

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